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TAKESHITA et al.

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MICROORGANISM

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2007, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 4.

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